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117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. GIBBS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Innocent Landowners  
5       Protection Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. RESPONSIBLE PARTY.**

7       Section 1001(32)(B) of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990  
8       (33 U.S.C. 2701(32)(B)) is amended to read as follows:

1           “(B) ONSHORE FACILITIES.—In the case  
2           of an onshore facility (other than a pipeline),  
3           any person owning or operating the facility, ex-  
4           cept—

5                   “(i) a Federal agency, State, munici-  
6                   pality, commission, or political subdivision  
7                   of a State, or any interstate body, that as  
8                   the owner transfers possession and right to  
9                   use the property to another person by  
10                  lease, assignment, or permit; or

11                  “(ii) with respect to a facility for oil  
12                  exploration, development, production, or  
13                  storage, a person with an ownership inter-  
14                  est in the facility who does not participate  
15                  in management of the facility, if the acqui-  
16                  sition of such interest by the person was  
17                  not designed to avoid the liability of any  
18                  person under this Act.”.